

P-20 Council Meeting Notes
DuPont Conference Room, Buena Vista Conference Center
New Castle, DE
Monday, July 7, 2014

Welcome

State Board of Education President Teri Quinn Gray welcomed Council members as she called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m. She provided a brief overview of the agenda for the meeting.

Members present: Teri Quinn Gray, Donna Johnson, Mark Murphy, Peggy Bottorff, Kim Sudler, Stephanie Smith, Jim Wilson, Rhonda Ringer, and Terri Hodges.

Others present: Melissa Hopkins, Madeline Bayard

P-20 Council Business – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Donna Johnson, State Board Executive Director, noted there was not a quorum of the Council present, therefore the minutes from the April meeting would be posted as draft minutes on the State Calendar. The April minutes would be placed on the October agenda for approval.

Legislative Overview

Ms. Johnson highlighted the educational bills and other pertinent legislation. She stated that House Bill 320 directly impacted the P-20 Council and requires that committees and boards that meet quarterly to post draft minutes within ten days after their meeting and mark as final after approval at the next meeting. Education bills related to P-20 initiatives were highlighted as well as various task forces that were initiated. Legislation was passed to add bullying to the “good cause” definition to exit a charter school or choice agreement. Legislation also aligned all admission timelines for charter schools, vocational schools and district choice schools. Ms. Johnson also briefed the Council on legislation concerning the impact of charter schools, alternative assessment portfolios for severely disabled students, DIAA training for sudden cardiac arrest and attendance of members of the Professional Standards Board.

A Vision for Education in Delaware in 2025 (ED25)

Secretary Murphy and Terri Hodges, President of the Delaware PTA, presented the vision of education in Delaware in 2025. Accomplishments indicate that the State is on the right track but more work needs to be done. Secretary Murphy mentioned the achievement gaps, low college completion rates and constrained and inflexible resources. Ms. Hodges showed how the process for this plan began in January with a survey and interviews of Delawareans. The vision was drafted and currently public feedback is being sought. The plan focuses on the student, the student system and strategies. The Council discussed the system’s focus on excellence, equity and efficiency. There was also discussion on the developing strategies and draft themes.

Secretary Murphy thanked the Council members for attending. The next meeting of the P-20 Council is scheduled for October 6, 2014 at Noon.